

Claim 9, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 5 or 7 to 8" and substitute therefor

--claim 1--.

Claim 10, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 9" and substitute therefor

--claim 1--.

Claim 11, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 10" and substitute therefor

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Claim 12, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 11" and substitute therefor

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Claim 13, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 12" and substitute therefor

--claim 1--.

Claim 14, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 13" and substitute therefor

--claim 1--.

Claim 15, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 14" and substitute therefor

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Claim 16, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 12 or 14 to 15, and claim 13" and substitute therefor --claim 1--.

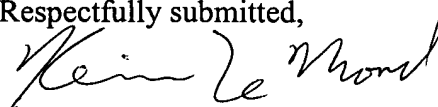
IN THE ABSTRACT:

Following the Abstract, delete "(FIG 1)".

REMARKS

Amendment is made to delete a minor informality in the Abstract, and to eliminate all multiple dependencies from the claims, thereby avoiding the need to pay the multiple dependent surcharge.

Respectfully submitted,



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